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it to be as flippant as Senator DeCamp made it sound. I handed out a handout earlier this morning, some newspaper clippings that dealt with some crimes that have been committed against some people. What we are talking about here is Article I, Section 9 of our Constitution which says certain sexual offenses are non-bailable and that was incorporated in our Constitution because we don't want these sexual offenders out on the street. In the two articles I handed out it shows that the bail was either set very, very low or they were released on personal recognizance and I don't think that that is what we want in our city or in our state. The resolution simply encourages the courts to look at the intent and the meaning of Article I, Section 9 of our Constitution. I am very serious about this and it was late in the session when I noticed these things happening and these criminals being released with very little or no bond, and next year I will be looking at legislation to deal with some of these problems. So I would urge your support for Senator DeCamp's motion and at the same time would like to impress upon you the importance of making a statement to our judicial system that we mean what we say when we talk about sexual offenders not being released so easily and so flippantly as they have been and apparently continue to be. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President, I have no qualms about going ahead under the amendment. I just wanted to say that this man, Mr. Ray Boice of Gering, Nebraska, has been awarded the Green Seal Award under scouting, which I understand is the next highest given, and I move that this resolution be adopted.

PRESIDENT: Do Senators Warner and Wesely and Fowler have anything to say on their resolutions? The motion is to suspend the rules and to adopt the five resolutions listed on the bottom of the page, 212 through 217...212 213, 214, 215, and 217. All those in favor of suspending the rules for that purpose vote aye, opposed vote no. Thirty votes required. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: LRs 212, 213, 214, 215 and 217 are adopted. At this time do you have anything more for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a...the last bills that were